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REFERENCES

- ☐ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the 8 references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, cited in the 3 attached Explanation of Circumstances Concerning Accelerated Examination for Japanese Patent No. 10-192063, filed in the Japanese Patent Office on May 14, 2002, Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-87033, filed in the Japanese Patent Office on May 14, 2002, and Japanese Patent No. 11-256210, filed in the Japanese Patent Office on May 27, 2002. English translations for said Explanations are herewith provided. English translations of the cited references are included herewith.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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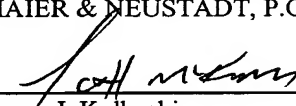
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